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**RAFAEL CARRILLO RIOS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING  
AND MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 26 year-old Rafael Carrillo Rios of Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, remains in federal custody today charged with three counts of kidnapping and conspiracy to import marijuana into the United States.

A seven count federal grand jury indictment, unsealed Monday, alleges that in November of 2003, Rios kidnaped three minors and transported them into the Republic of Mexico. The indictment further charges Rios with making a threatening communication to influence the testimony of a witness. The indictment also alleges that Rios, along with his common law wife Mary Jane DeLeon, 24, of Del Rio, Texas, conspired to import more than 100 kilograms of marijuana into the United States from Mexico.

Rios, a previously deported alien, and DeLeon were arrested in Eastland, Texas, on Friday. On September 3, 2003, DeLeon was charged with exporting more than \$10,000 in United States currency without filing a federal currency report. She absconded on that charge and was a fugitive from justice until arrested with Rios on Friday.

If convicted, Rios faces up to life in prison on each of the kidnapping charges and up to ten years in prison on the charge of threatening a witness. Rios and DeLeon each face from five to forty years in prison on the marijuana trafficking charges.

This case was investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney John A. Peralta is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

**An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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